Consumption of cotton and synthetic clothes in the country

1774. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the consumption of cotton and synthetic clothes in India during last 3 years.

(b) what is the world average consumption of both above mentioned commodities;

(c) whether it is a fact that high excise rates on major man made fibres are compelling the consumers to go for higher priced cotton; and

(d) whether it is a fact greater use of cotton and lower quantum used for man made fabrics compelling the country for cotton imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) According to the latest available data, the per capita consumption of cotton and synthetic cloth for the years 1987 to 1989 are as follows:—

(in mtrs.)

Year	Cotton	Synthetic
1987 . . .	10.75	1.02
1988 . . .	9.17	1.67
1989 . . .	8.40	2.10

(b) It is not possible to arrive at the average world consumption of these commodities because of different scales of computation adopted by different countries.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Cotton is the main raw material of the textile industry in the country. The import of cotton has become necessary due to the adverse effects on the textile industry caused by fluctuations in the demand and supply position of cotton during the current cotton season.

Budgetary support to NTC

1775. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to continue budgetary support to N.T.C.; if so, what are the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) what was the budgetary support to N.T.C. during the last three years including Gujarat Subsidiaries;

(c) what is the budgetary support into N.T.C. including subsidiaries for the year 1992-93; and

(d) what is the procedure for redeployment of labour in N.T.C. Gujarat Subsidiaries and elsewhere?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir. A provision of Rs. 54.80 crores has been proposed by the Government for NTC towards working capital loan for the year 1992-93.

(b) The details of budgetary support to NTC and funds recased